

Church of Saint Lawrence The Martyr

4325 Don Julio Blvd.
North Highlands, CA 95660



Mission Statement

The mission of our community is rooted in Jesus the Christ. This mission is to hear, respond to and proclaim the word of God as found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

Through the Sunday Eucharist we are called to ongoing conversion and personal spiritual formation. As a community, we are challenged to provide mutual support for a Catholic Christian lifestyle and are empowered to use our gifts to minister to the needs of others. We commit our selves to the beatitudes, to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and to minister to the larger communities in which we live and work. We respect the dignity of every person, at all ages and stages of life.

We hand on our Catholic heritage through catechesis, worship, service and witness.

In carrying out this mission we further the kingdom of God in

Parish Staff

Rev. Enrique AlvarezParochial Administrator
fatherenrique@saintlawrencechurch.org

Deacon Donald Galli Parish Deacon
deacongalli@sbcglobal.net

Mrs. Jean NelsonDirector of Religious Education
jean@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Paula Edwards Pastoral Associate
paula@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Martha Haig Coordinator of RE/Youth Minister
martha@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mr. David SwindellFacilities Manager
dave@saintlawrencechurch.org

Ms. Nancy Latham Bookkeeper
nancy@saintlawrencechurch.org

Mrs. Yolanda Fletes-Villalba Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
receptionist@saintlawrencechurch.org

Ms. Elizabeth Peterson Receptionist
. Music Minister

Mr. Tony Norio
tony@sbcglobal.net

Schedule of Liturgies

Sunday Eucharist (Mass)

Saturday - Vigil 4:45pm
(Spanish) 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 11:15am

Daily Eucharist (Mass)

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:00 pm-6:30pm

Infant Baptisms: This includes children up to 6 years. This Sacrament is celebrated quarterly. Parents must complete a two session preparation class. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Christian Initiation: Children and adults seeking to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church may call the Parish Office for information.

Remembering Church: Catholics wishing to return to the church or to become more connected to the church may call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Couples planning marriage at St. Lawrence are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Couples are also required to complete a marriage preparation program.

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm each Friday

Parish Office (916) 332-4777

Fax (916) 332-8325

Parish Registration: We welcome new parishioners to the parish. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or by stopping by or calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office of moves or changes in address or telephone number.

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19).



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "Filled with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would

have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "If I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

CELL PHONES

Please turn your cell phone off before you enter the church. If you must have it on, please set it on silent.

Thank You.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fiscal Year Runs July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

First Collection Weekend Jan. 17	\$ 7,243.70
Total Collections YTD	\$261,949.61
Goal (Based on Budgeted Revenue)	\$266,913.14
Over (Under) Goal	(\$ 4,963.52)

The 2nd collection this weekend, January 30/31 will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The regular 2nd collection in February will benefit the Annual Catholic Appeal. 25% of everything given by our parish, comes back to us for our own social service needs. There will be an appeal the weekend of February 27/28 to accept your pledge for the 2010 year.

THANK YOU

To the St. Lawrence Community, and other friends, the Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts of America: We wish to express our gratitude for the outpouring of support, compassion and love for our family on the death of James Pass. It has been of immeasurable comfort to us. May your kindness be richly rewarded by the Giver of all gifts.

Ruth (and James) Pass Family

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?



The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, **February 14** in St. Lawrence Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group is open to all 7th to 12th grade students.

The next Core planning meeting, for students 10th grade and above, will be **February 8** at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

DO YOU KNOW

... that we are less than three weeks from Lent?

Does it seem that you just put away the Christmas decorations? Personally I am not ready for Lent but since it is a fact that Ash Wednesday is 17 days away I guess I need to start thinking about what am going to give for Lent? How about you?

The Church asks us to pray, fast and give alms during Lent.

We need to do more praying and more learning about Jesus during Lent. Can we get to a weekday Mass? Weekday Masses are at 8:30 a.m.

Can we come to adoration on the First Mondays of the month? Adoration on the First Mondays are all day from the end of the 8:30 Mass to benediction at 6:45. Can you spend a half hour with Jesus on your way to or from work? Can you spend some time with Jesus during a Holy Hour and benediction on the other Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.?

Can you come to a Bible study class? During Lent, if there is interest, we are having a class on the gospel of Luke. It will be offered on all the Fridays of Lent during the day at 1 p.m. and the same class repeated in the evening at 7 p.m.

Can you spend six extra minutes a day reading and meditating on the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark? We will have available again this year the "Little Black Book" that many have found very helpful. These will be available after Mass for the next couple of weekends. Supplies are limited so if you are interested in a book, obtain them early as books for Advent ran out before everyone who wanted could obtain one.

There are many other types of prayer that can be used during Lent in order to increase our prayer life. We can say the rosary, especially the sorrowful mysteries, or make the stations of the cross. We can read a spiritual book or read the Bible on a regular basis.

For those who enjoy the computer there are many websites that help us in our prayer life. One site is www.spirithome.com/spirdisc.html and www.usccb.org/nab/fasting.htm is another. One that I most enjoy is www.sacredspace.ie

Very often we ask ourselves "What am I going to **give up** for Lent?" Perhaps we need to ask ourselves, "What am I going to **give** for Lent?" We will talk more about the giving during a column on almsgiving in the near future.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 30

4:45 p.m.

Amparo Mistica †

7:00 p.m.

Alberto Reyes †

Cirina Orozco †

Matilde Anguiano †

Sun., Jan. 31

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Amnlia Acosta †

Marven Blythe †

Tues., Feb. 2

Wed., Feb. 3

Thur., Feb. 4

Fri., Feb. 5

Michael Dial & Family

VOCATIONS



Households that participate in this ministry will take the Vocational Cross home that week and pray for Vocations. The parish will provide the prayers. The crosses will then be returned the following weekend to the same Mass to make it available for the next household to take home. In February the crosses will be rotated at the 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Masses. Please sign up in the back of the church, if you and your family would like to participate. In March the crosses will be rotated at the 8:30 & the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses

Deacon Don and Susan Galli are the Coordinators for the English Community. Enrique Canto is the Coordinator for the Spanish Community.

Let Us Remember Our Dead

Feb 1

Feb 2 Andrew Griffin, Harry Seher, Sr., Antonio Quidachay, Marjorie Jeffers, Cheng-Hwa Villarruel, Ed Sharkey, Joselito Malay, Mary Mascanenas

Feb 3 Susan Krever, Michael Crosson, Albert Sherrito, Harvey Frey, Marjory Smidt, Lewey Caswell, Pedro Sanchez, Daniel Moreno

Feb 4 Grace Dille, Dorothy Hovda

Feb 5 Dolores Walsh, Gerald "Jed" Pohlman

Feb 6 Frederick Whatley, Phyllis Garrett

Feb 7 Dorotea Ramos

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR

February 1 and each first Monday of the month, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church after **8:30 Morning Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.** We invite you to **sign up to spend time keeping company with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.**

There will be **Holy Hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. ending with Benediction** every Monday except the first Monday of the month. The next Holy Hour will be **Monday, February 8th.**

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

During the month of February our 2nd collection charity will be the Annual Catholic Appeal, which provides funds for the many social service needs of the diocese. The second collection will be taken up as usual on the first Sunday of the month, **February 6 & 7** and commitments for 2010 will be taken on the **February 27 & 28th** weekend. With this appeal, **25%** of what our parish sends to the diocese comes back to our parish for our social service needs. St. Lawrence has received **\$4,277** to date for 2009. All of those funds are being used to help the less fortunate of our community. There is still another quarter to go. We will be sharing more information about the appeal as it is made available.

**ST. ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
633 Vine Avenue, Roseville**

Sunday, January 31st, there will be Open House. Tours will be given: leaving from the school office at 10:30 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m. Classrooms and Extended Day Care will be open to visit with students, parents and teachers. There will be a Student Art Show, Scholastic Book Fair and Hospitality by St. Rose School Parent Guild in the parish hall. We also offer tours by appointment during the week. Transitional Kindergarten - 8th Grade Pre-enrollment Applications for the 2010-11 school year will be available in the school office. If interested, please contact Mrs. Brys at 916 782-1161 X101 or at lbrys@strose.org.

Tuesday, February 23 students from surrounding Catholic parishes that don't have a Catholic school are given priority for TK-8th grade. Call the number above for more information.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. Please bring your palms from previous years to be burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday. There are boxes in the back of the church and in the parish office to hold your dried palms.

On Ash Wednesday there will be Mass with distribution of ashes at the following times:

English - 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Spanish - 11:30 a.m., 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion are every Wednesday after morning Mass (at about 9:00 a.m.). Come and enjoy the traditional prayers and beautiful hymns dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A recitation of The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will follow. Please call Dolores Hines at 916-704-0725 for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Office of the Bishop of the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours per week) Administrative Assistant. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool. The successful candidate will provide primary support to the Bishop and secondary support to the Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, and Chancellor. Proficiency in Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Access) with excellent phone and organizational skills are required. Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Of particular importance will be excellent translation skills. For more information and a complete job description, visit the diocesan website www.diocese-sacramento.org and look under employment. Please email resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org.

PARISH MISION CHURCH

The Parish Mission: "Power of the Cross" by Fr. bill Adams, Redemptorist, march 1-4 at St. Clare Church, 12950 Junction Blvd., Roseville. Each day there will be a morning session following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and an evening session at 7 p.m. Confessions will be heard after each of the sessions. for more information contact Deacon Carl Kube at 916-772-4717 or email at scdcn1@surewest.net.

**Are You Considering Returning to
Your Catholic Roots?
Welcome Home!**

Whether you've been away from the Church for 1, 10, or even 30 or more years, our parish family is delighted to welcome you home to the Catholic Church. If you have not already done so, we invite you to visit the Catholics Come Home website/English: CatholicsComeHome.org or Spanish: CatolicosRegresen.org. Our confession schedule here at St. Lawrence is Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Don't remember how to go to confession? That's not a problem...when you enter the confessional, simply tell the priest you've forgotten how and he will guide you through the process, step by step. Our parish is offering sessions for those returning to the church beginning Monday, **February 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in Gabrielli Hall. For more information please call the Parish Office at (916) 332-4777.

**Not Catholic? Have Questions?
Exploring the Catholic Church
for the First Time?**

Our parish family warmly welcomes you! We offer inquiry sessions for those who are exploring Catholicism. These sessions provide an opportunity for you to come "as you are" to a friendly, welcoming, non-pressuring atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Faith, even if you don't think you'll want to actually become Catholic. If you desire to take steps towards becoming Catholic, you will have the option to do so, on your own initiative. Please call the Parish Office at 916 332-4777.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS DURING LENT

There will be a Bible Study Class on the Gospel of Luke on all the Fridays of Lent at 1 p.m. and the same class repeated in the evening at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this class but registration is necessary so please call the office, 332-4777, and leave your name and phone number to register.

PARISH CAMPOUT

St. Lawrence Parish Campout for the year 2010 will be at Scotts Flat Lake, Nevada City, CA, **July 30 -August 1, 2010**. We will be taking reservation at the Knights of Columbus breakfast, February 14th. Cost is \$65.00 for the week-end, payable at sign-up. For more information or to make your reservations during this month, call Willie or Aileen Douglas at (916) 721-0677.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sunday** R.E. All areas 10-11 AM
Jan. 31
- Monday** Adoration of Blessed Sac. CH 9-6 PM
Feb. 1 Lectors PCMR 7 PM
- Tuesday** RFE 7-8 PM Classrooms & LIB
Feb. 2 Confessions CH 5-6:30 PM
Yoga Ext. 6:30 - 8 PM
Heritage Peak Mtg. GH 7:30 AM- 1 PM
Heritage Peak Mtg. STLH 7:30 AM- 1 PM
Bread Bakers STLHK 6:00 PM
- Wednesday** Harvest Us Home Mtg. PCMR 9-11AM
Feb. 3 Lectors in Spanish 7-8 p.m. PCK
Sp. Prayer Group CH 7-9 PM
Heritage Peak Mtg. GH 7:30 AM- 1 PM
Heritage Peak Mtg. STLH 7:30 AM- 1 PM
SVDP PCMR 7-9 PM
Heritage Peak Staff Mtg. GH 4-6 PM
Knights GH 7-9 PM
Boys Scouts STLH 7-9 PM
Cub Scouts LIB 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday** Bounty STLH 5 PM
Feb. 4 Choir CH 7-9 PM
Grupo Cultural Católico STLH 7-9 PM
Spanish Group PCYR 7-9 PM
Cub Scouts LIB 6:30-8:30 PM
Yoga Class Ext. 6:30-8 PM
- Friday** Eng. Prayer Grp 7-9 PM Rm 3
Feb. 5 Bible Class Sp. PCYR 9-11AM
Sp. Choir CH 6 PM
ICF Hall Set-up 6 PM
- Saturday**
Feb. 6 Respect Life PCMR 3-4 PM
ICF Mtg. STLH 5:30-9 PM
ICF CH 10 AM- 1 PM
ICF STLH All Day
- PCK Parish Center Kitchen
PCMR Parish Center Meeting Room
PCCO Parish Center Counseling Office
PCYR Parish Center Youth Room
STLH St. Lawrence Hall
CH Church
GH Gabrielli Hall
Ext. Extension (Behind Gabrielli Hall)
LIB Library
Rm. 3 Room 3 of the School

Pray for our priests.